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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: BEVERAGES CONTAINING PLANT STEROLS
Inventor(s): Erich P. LERCHENFELD and Donald E. STRIEGEL

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application- 42 pages, including title page, abstract, 3 independent claims and 43 claims total.
- 2. Drawings- 2 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-2).

3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

| Basic Application Filing Fee | | | | | \$770 | \$ | 770.00 |
|---|------------------|---|-------|-----------------|--------|----|---------|
| | Number of Claims | | Basic | Extra Claims | | | |
| Total Claims | 43 | - | 20 | 23 | x \$18 | | 414.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | - | 3 | 0 | x \$86 | | 0 |
| ☐ Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$290 | | | | | | | 0 |
| Subtotal | | | | | | \$ | 1184.00 |
| Reduction by 1/2 if small entity | | | | | | - | 0 |
| TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE | | | | | | \$ | 1184.00 |

4. A check for \$1184 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$770 filing fee; and \$414 additional claims fee.

This application is a continuation-in-part of prior Application No. 10/458,692, filed June 11, 2003. This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

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This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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